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The Boulanger-Ferry Imbroglio.

The situation of the parties to the Boulanger-Ferry imbroglio remains unchanged, except that Gen. Boulanger's friends are rapidly increasing in numbers, while those of M. Ferry are showing a corresponding falling off. When M. Ferry denounced Gen. Boulanger in his speech at Epinal as a "St. Armand of the music-halls," a great many persons, for a variety of reasons, believed that the ex-premier spoke the truth, not that the ex-war minister had ever evinced any disposition to follow in the footsteps of that infamous general, but merely because a statesman of the eminence of M. Ferry had asserted his conviction that Gen. Boulanger cherished selfish and unpatriotic notions of the uses to which the army of France should be put. When Gen. Boulanger challenged M. Ferry these same Frenchmen thought the former's action an unpardonable piece of impudence, and blindly construed his rejection of M. Ferry's gratuitous vilification into a confirmation of the latter's asseveration of the former's falsity. When, however, M. Ferry, through his representatives, declined to accord to Gen. Boulanger the satisfaction due from the aggressor to the party aggrieved, and attempted to shield himself from the danger of personal injury behind the technicalities of the code, the scales fell from the eyes of the followers of the champion of the disastrous Tonquin campaign, and they beheld a soldier of France best upon all sides by enemies whose sole cause of enmity was their jealousy of his well-earned popularity, vainly seeking to obtain redress from the coward who had traduced him. Even the most bitter of Gen. Boulanger's enemies in official, political and military circles—he has only those in the latter who are interested in keeping themselves in desirable places by carrying the favor of the ministry—recognize the fact that M. Ferry must fight. He has reaped all the glory obtainable from haranguing a gaping, jeering crowd and indulging in cheap witticisms and groundless accusations at the expense of a man he thought to be beyond the limits of striking back and he must take the consequences. There is no doubt that there is no more uncomfortable man in France to-day than M. Ferry, but he will find his position still more unendurable if he attempts to dismiss this matter with contempt and to throw himself back upon the assumption that he has given Gen. Boulanger an opportunity to obtain satisfaction of which that officer declined to avail himself. It would be better for M. Ferry to be killed by Gen. Boulanger than to attempt to live down the contempt and ostracism that would surely follow his failure to back up his words. He would be no more lifeless to those who think well of him should a bullet from Boulanger's pistol pierce his heart than he would be if he would eventually shrink the danger of a duel by an abject resort to subterfuge and quibbling at immaterial provisions of the code.

M. Jules Ferry has written to his seconds that he is ready to give satisfaction to Gen. Boulanger or to accept the verdict of arbitration.

A STARTLING PREDICTION.—Two hundred years ago in China there was just such a crazy about natural gas as we have in this country to-day, says the Cincinnati Commercial. Gas wells were sunk with as much vim and vigor as the Celestials were capable of, but, owing to a gas explosion that killed several millions of people and tore up and destroyed a large district of country, leaving a large island sea known on the maps as Lake Poo Chang, the boring of any more gas wells was then and there prohibited by law. It seems, according to the Chinese history, that many large and heavy pressure gas wells were sunk, and in some districts wells were sunk quite near to each other. Gas was lighted as soon as struck, as is done in this country. It is stated that one well with its usual pressure, by induction or back draught, pulled down into the earth the burning gas of a smaller well, resulting in a dreadful explosion of a large district, destroying the inhabitants thereof. Lake Poo Chang rests on this district. The same catastrophe is imminent in this country unless the laws restrict further developments in boring so many wells. Should a similar explosion occur there will be such an upheaval as will dwarf the most terrible earthquakes ever known. The country along the gas belt from Toledo through Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky will be tipped up to the depth of 1,200 to 1,500 feet, and flapped over like a pancake, leaving a chasm through which the waters of Lake Erie will come howling down, filling the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys, and blotting them out forever.

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Suits worth from \$11 to \$27 at less than manufacturer's prices.

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